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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: Kevin R. Lilland et al.

For : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING PRINT

CONSUMABLES OF A PRINTING DEVICE

Our File: P31.12-0009

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.

20 pages Specification

10 pages claims

1 page Abstract

- 2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- 7 sheets of drawings.

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of <u>January 18, 2000</u> is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

Yours very truly,

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